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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Walnut Park – Off-Duty Officer Killed in Robbery Attempt

(U) An off-duty Los Angeles police officer was shot and killed during what is believed to be an armed robbery attempt in Walnut Park yesterday evening. The shooting happened near 87th and Beach streets around 9:16 p.m., according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the incident. Investigators say a black pickup truck approached the victim and several suspects got out. Some type of argument ensued before an exchange of gunfire, where the victim was struck. Further details, including information regarding a suspect or suspects, were unavailable.

SOURCE: 11 January 2022, [KABC](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US Border Agents Shot at From Mexico During Migrant Arrest

(U) McAllen – Border Patrol agents working along the Rio Grande in South Texas were fired upon from Mexico yesterday. The agents were arresting migrants in Fronzon, Texas, in rural Starr County, when shots were fired at them from Mexico, a spokesperson for US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said. "Shots were fired from Mexico in the direction of Border Patrol agents during the apprehension of migrants in the area adjacent to the Rio Grande. No one was injured in the incident and shots were not returned," the spokesperson said. This section of Starr County is where the most drug apprehensions are made along the Texas-Mexico border.

SOURCE: 10 January 2022, [Border Report](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Man Sentenced for Drug Trafficking on Darknet

(U) Phoenix – A Glendale man was sentenced last week to more than 13-years in federal prison for his participation in a darknet drug trafficking operation, authorities said last week. Jacob Matthew Medina, 29, was sentenced 160-months after previously pleading guilty to conspiring to possess fentanyl and heroin with the intent to distribute, the US Attorney's Office in Arizona said. An investigation of the darknet vendor "Ghost831," who was advertising heroin, methamphetamine, and oxycodone, was launched in November 2018 by the US Postal Inspection Service, according to a news release. A federal search warrant was issued to Medina's residence in March 2019 after authorities identified drug packages mailed by the vendor.

SOURCE: 9 January 2022, [KTAR News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Man Deported for Supporting Foreign Terrorist Group

(U) Washington – US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) officers removed a national of Uzbekistan on Friday who was convicted of providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. Jamshid Muhtorov, 45, was removed by ERO's Philadelphia Field Office via a commercial flight without incident. Once in Uzbekistan, ICE officers transferred him to the custody of local authorities. Muhtorov was found guilty in federal court 21 June

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2018, of providing material support to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU), a designated foreign terrorist organization, following an investigation by the FBI.

SOURCE: 10 January 2022, [ICE](#)

(U) US Virgin Islands – Men Arrested for Smuggling 667-Kilos of Cocaine

(U) Washington – The United States Attorney's Office announced yesterday that three British Virgin Islands citizens and one citizen of the Dominican Republic were arrested on 9 January on criminal charges related to their alleged possession with intent to distribute 667-kilograms of cocaine on-board a vessel apprehended yesterday near St Croix. According to court documents, on 9 January, US CBP Air and Marine Operations along with Homeland Security Investigations detected a 32-foot vessel headed north towards the vicinity of the British Virgin Islands. When law enforcement approached the vessel, it was dead in the water. Captaining the vessel was BVI resident Shannon John. Passengers included Sean John and Emmanuel Tolentino-Lebron, both also from the BVI, and Augusto RodriguezMolina, a citizen of the Dominican Republic. Federal authorities located the cocaine packaged in approximately 20 block-shaped bales onboard.

SOURCE: 10 January 2022, [The Virgin Islands Consortium](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Seven Charged in 'Fast and Furious' Weapons Trafficking

(U) Mexico City – A Mexican judge has issued seven arrest warrants related to a decade-old cross border arms trafficking sting, including for the country's most notorious drug lord and an ex-security minister, the attorney general's office said on Sunday. Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the convicted Sinaloa cartel boss, ex-Security Minister Genaro Garcia Luna and former federal police intelligence official Luis Cardenas, were named in a Sunday statement from the attorney general's office linked to the so-called "Fast and Furious" gun running scandal from 2009-2011. All three, however, are currently behind bars in either the United States or Mexico.

SOURCE: 10 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Spain – Drug Trafficking Ring that Used Helicopters Shut Down

(U) Madrid – Spanish police said Sunday they dismantled a drug-trafficking ring that allegedly brought hashish and marijuana from Morocco to southern Spain by helicopter and then transported it to France by road. The Guardia Civil said in a statement it seized 2.65-tons of hashish and 247-pounds of marijuana in the operation, as well as three helicopters, guns and ammunition. After being flown by helicopter across the Mediterranean Sea from Morocco to Spain, which are about 9-miles apart at the nearest point, the drugs were concealed in trucks and a tour bus with fake number plates for the journey north to France.

SOURCE: 9 January 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Ukraine – Government Arrests Russian Agent Planning Attacks in Odessa

(U) Kyiv – Ukraine's SBU security service said yesterday it had detained a Russian military intelligence agent who was planning attacks on the country's largest Black Sea port of Odessa. "(His) main task was to shake up the political situation in the Odessa region through sabotage and terrorist acts," SBU said. The agent was detained while trying to recruit someone to carry out attacks, it added.

SOURCE: 10 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

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